



Sexual Assault Protocol and Prevention Training



Program Purpose

Eliminates incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive program that centers on

- Awareness & Prevention
- Training & Education
- Timely reporting / Immediate response
- Long-term support & Victim advocacy



Agenda

- Army's Policy on Sexual Assault
- Army Values, Warrior Ethos, Soldier's Creed vs. Sexual Assault
- Myths vs. Facts
- Definition of Sexual Assault
- Types of Sexual Assault
- *Types of Reports for Sexual Assault (Restricted vs. Unrestricted)
- Victim's actions
- Legal sanctions



Army's Policy on Sexual

- A States that sexual assault is a criminal offense that is punishable
 - Promotes training, education, and awareness to minimize sexual assault
 - Promotes the sensitive handling of victims
 - Holds those who commit offenses accountable
 - Provides confidential avenues for reporting
 - Treats all victims with dignity, fairness, and respect
 - Creates and promotes a positive command climate
 - Applies both on & off post!

Army Values vs. Sexual Assault

Army Values

- Loyalty
- Duty
- Respect
- Selfless Service
- Honor
- I ntegrity
- Personal Courage

Sexual Assault

- Is a criminal offense
- Is punishable under UCMJ
- Degrades mission readiness
- Breaks down the ability to work effectively as a team
- Violates the Army Values

Warrior Ethos vs. Sexual

Warrior Ethosult

- I will always place the mission first.
- I will never accept defeat.
- I will never quit.
- I will never leave a fallen comrade.

Sexual Assault

- Degrades mission readiness by impacting unit cohesion
- Is a cowardly act perpetrated by those who have given up on the Army Values
- Is an act carried out by individuals without a moral compass quitters
- Erodes the bond that makes Soldiers willing to die for one another

Soldier's Creed vs. Sexual

Assault Sexual Assault

Soldier's Creed

- 😌 I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.
- l am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills. I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.
- 🤛 l am an expert and I am a professional.
- to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.
- 🛟l am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.
- 🛟I am an American Soldier.

- Breaks down the ability to work effectively as a team
- Represents a lack of discipline
- Is not a professional behavior
- Degrades readiness
- **Contradicts American** values



Myths & Facts

- * MYTH: Sexual assault victims are hysterical and bruised
- * FACT: Nationally, only 17% sexual assaults against females resulted in victim injury*
- * MYTH: Openly flirting victim partially to blame
- FACT: Sexual assault NEVER victim's fault; assailant bears full responsibility; nothing victim does can justify sexual assault
- MYTH: Most sexual assaults are spontaneous & unplanned
- * FACT: May "stake out" places victim frequents or test victim nonverbally or verbally (ie. Hostile sexual remarks to assess whether vulnerable or easily intimidated



Myths & Facts (cont)

- **MYTH**: Sexual assailants are perverts; easy to spot in crowd
- **FACT**: Very few "crazy" or obviously different from others; no easy way to readily identify a sexual predator
- MYTH: Most sexual assaults are inter-racial (assailant & victim different races)
- **FACT**: Most sexual assaults <u>intra</u>-racial (assailant & victim same race)
- **MYTH**: If they're dating, it isn't sexual assault
- **FACT**: Pre-existing relationships change nothing; NO means NO, whether an acquaintance, dating, married or complete strangers



What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes:

RAPE

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Rape

Nonconsensual (forcible) sodomy

Indecent assault

Attempts to commit these acts

Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age of victim.



Types of Sexual Assault

- Rape
- Nonconsensual (Forcible Sodomy)
- Indecent assault
- Attempts to commit these acts



Rape defined

- Sexual intercourse by force
- Without victim consent
- Penetration, however slight, qualifies
- Types of rape: Physical force, constructive force, date/acquaintance (non-stranger) rape, and marital rape



Forcible Sodomy defined

- Carnal copulation with any body opening other than genitals
- Sexual contact with animals
- Penetration, however slight, qualifies



Indecent Assault defined

Any unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling with intent to gratify lust or sexual desire to include:

- Touching
- Grabbing
- Oral Sex
- Anal Sex
- Sexual penetration with object
- Sexual intercourse

Victim must be other than spouse



Types of Reporting

- Restricted Reporting
- Unrestricted Reporting



Restricted Reporting

- Allows a Soldier who is a sexual assault victim, on a <u>Confidential basis</u>, to disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process
- FOUR specifically identified individuals are the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Chaplain, and the Healthcare Provider



Unrestricted Reporting

- Allows a Soldier who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation of his/her allegation to use normal reporting channels to trigger the official investigative process. Details regarding the assault will be limited to only those personnel who need to know
- Personnel who need to know include: Command, Criminal Investigative Division (CID), Military Police (MP), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Chaplain, and Healthcare Provider



Victim's Actions

- Go to a safe place
- Immediately report the assault using available resources
- Cleaning up". If the assault occurred in the last 96 hrs, do not shower, bathe, eat, drink, smoke, change your clothes or brush your teeth. This is necessary in order to preserve any and all evidence.
- Report to a hospital or clinic and they will notify proper agency

Reasons to report Sexual

<u>Sexual Assault</u>

- ▶Is a crime that cannot and will not be tolerated
- ➤ Is devastating and has a lasting impact on the victim, a fellow Warrior
- Degrades readiness
- Effects the Army's ability to work as a team
- ➤ Has NO place in our Army or our Nation

The Army

- ► Is a values based organization
- > Takes care of Soldiers and their families
- Treats all Soldiers with dignity and respect
- ➤ Reporting is the RIGHT thing to do!



Consequences of Not

- Inconsistent With Army Values, Warrior Ethos and Soldier's Creed
- ➤ Inability of authorities to conduct a timely and thorough investigation
- ► Inability of chain of command to
 - Appropriately care for victims
 - Discipline perpetrators
- ➤ Possibility that perpetrator may assault others
- >Inability of the Army to provide medical care and counseling



False Reporting

- False allegations are a crime under the UCMJ
- Types of false reporting
 - False official statement
 - False swearing



Legal Sanctions

- Punishable under UCMJ
- Punishment may be confinement, Legal, or







Soldier's Responsibilities

- Use the buddy system look out for each other.
- Report inappropriate behavior immediately.
- Practice the Army Values.
- Never leave a fallen comrade



Points of Contact

Battalion Unit Victim Advocate (UVA)
CPT Nzinga Jenkins 430-7581
SSG Steven Zittrauer 430-7580

Installation SARC
CPT Judith Carbonell
430-1836

37th Group SARC SFC Leona McKoy 430-7540

377th EOL LTC Juan Flores 430-7599



QUESTIONS?